

CITY OF MEDINA
Park Board Meeting

June 20, 2005
7:00 p.m.

Medina City Hall
501 Evergreen Point Road

Call to Order

June 20, 2005, Park Board meeting called to order by Chair, Connie Gerlitz, at 7:05 pm.

Roll Call

Present: Chair Connie Gerlitz, Boardmembers Roger Ngouenet, Heija Nunn, Karen Sparks, and Susannah Stuart

Absent: Vice Chair Lisa Fleischman and Boardmember Steve Brustkern

Staff Present: Joe Willis, Director of Public Works and Rachel Baker, Administrative Assistant

Minutes

BOARDMEMBERS CONSENTED TO APPROVE MAY 16, 2005 PARK BOARD MINUTES, 7:06 PM.

Audience Participation
(Non-agenda items only)

Bruce Raskin, Medina Days Committee Co-Chair (7:06 pm)

Mr. Raskin presented the Medina Days Committee's idea to collect additional donations to fund a meaningful and community oriented project or improvement as a part of Medina Days 2005. Mr. Raskin indicated the Committee has received community support to improve play equipment at Medina Park, especially due to the inability to use play equipment at Medina Elementary School during demolition and reconstruction.

Mr. Raskin said the Committee would like to expand playground equipment in Medina Park during 2005 through a cooperative funding effort with the City and requested the Park Board make a recommendation to the City Council. Mr. Raskin also proposed a community art enhancement, which could be a part of

the playground expansion project. Mr. Raskin said the Committee has a group of people to research equipment and locate an installer.

Discussion followed.

MOTION NUNN, SECOND SPARKS, THE PARK BOARD, IN COOPERATION WITH THE MEDINA DAYS COMMITTEE AND IN CELEBRATION OF THE CITY OF MEDINA'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY, RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL THE IMPROVEMENT AND EXPANSION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IN MEDINA PARK, SUBJECT TO:

- PARK BOARD APPROVAL OF DESIGN, AND
- PLAY EQUIPMENT IN NATURAL AND SUBDUED COLORS, AND
- TO ACCOMMODATE USERS AGES 1 THROUGH 12, AND
- INSTALLATION BY FALL 2005

MOTION PASSED 5-0, 7:43 PM.

Willis said he would request the City Manager include the recommendation on City Council agenda and will inquire about budget allowance for improvements and will email results to boardmembers.

Gerlitz suggested boardmembers and Raskin attend the June City Council Study Session to promote support of the Park Board recommendation.

Five-Corners Area (8:01 pm)

Gerlitz conveyed annuals will be planted in the five-corners area, beginning with a floral arrangement displaying "50". Willis defined procedure details and boardmembers consented to project.

Gerlitz suggested the Mayor or City Manager contact the landscape designer of original plantings, if necessary.

Expiring Park Board Positions (8:08 pm)

Nunn, Stuart and Sparks stated their positions would expire this year. All indicated an interest in continued service to the Park Board.

82nd Avenue Northeast Parking Lot (8:09 pm)

Willis stated the parking lot paving was included in the 2005 Street Overlay Projects, in order to get better bid costs. It will most likely be scheduled for construction in late summer or early fall. Willis indicated the paving could be

moved up if a separate bid could be received in July, but that would still be dependent upon the contractor's schedule.

Stuart requested a project completion date by the beginning of August for community benefit and enjoyment during Medina Days. Willis will request bids using the small works roster and see if the project can be completed earlier within the approved budget, if not, it will be bid with the 2005 Street project as a separate schedule.

Medina Beach Overlook Benches (8:10 pm)

Willis indicated the benches should be near completion and is expecting to receive a call from the builder soon.

Medina Park Playground (8:16 pm)

Board discussed groundcover and baby swing replacement at Medina Park playground.

MOTION NUNN, SECOND STUART TO RECOMMEND WOODCHIPS FROM MEDINA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NOT TO BE RE-USED AS GROUNDCOVER AT MEDINA PARK PLAYGROUND, MOTION PASSED 5-0, 8:28 PM.

MOTION NUNN, SECOND SPARKS, TO PURCHASE TWO BABY BUCKET SWINGS, TO BE FITTED INTO EXISTING BAY, ALONG WITH IMPROVED GROUNDCOVER, IF A NEGATIVE DECISION IS RENDERED REGARDING MEDINA DAYS COMMITTEE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT, MOTION PASSED 4-0, GERLITZ ABSTAINED, 8:28 PM.

Off-Leash Advocate (8:28 pm)

Nunn said she has been working with a representative from Citizens for Off-Leash Areas (COLA) and would be able to coordinate a presentation at a future meeting. Discussion followed.

Nunn indicated she would prefer a presentation be given at the beginning of a Park Board meeting with the public and City Council specifically informed. Sparks requested standards for off-leash parks be given.

Gerlitz suggested the presentation be noticed in the City newsletter, but would first contact the Mayor for direction as to whether Park Board would be required to provide a recommendation to Council regarding Ordinance 774, and will email boardmembers with result.

Playfields (8:43 pm)

There was a consensus of the Board to pursue discussion of transforming the upper gymnasium in Fairweather Nature Preserve into a playfield. Discussion followed.

Sparks addressed concerns pertaining to parking and conversion costs, and Ngouenet suggested non-residents pay a users-fee. Nunn suggested revisiting ability to use playfield at Bellevue Christian School.

Sparks suggested an upper gymnasium conversion be a service project of the Medina Days Committee, if the Committee's play equipment service project request is denied.

MOTION SPARKS, SECOND STUART, TO RESEARCH COSTS OF CONVERTING THE UPPER GYMNASIUM AT FAIRWEATHER NATURE PRESERVE INTO A YOUTH SOCCER PLAYFIELD, MOTION PASSED 5-0, 9:04 PM.

Gerlitz suggested boardmembers notify Medina residents, which initiated the playfield request, via email with the Board's recommendation and suggest they conduct further research on the matter.

Sanitation Stations (9:05 pm)

Nunn provided an update to the Board, based upon her research, for start-up and maintenance costs required for Purell Sanitation Stations.

MOTION NUNN, SECOND NGOUENET, TO INSTALL TWO PURELL SANITATION STATIONS IN MEDINA PARK, ONE IN MEDINA BEACH PARK AND ONE IN FAIRWEATHER NATURE PRESERVE ON A TRIAL BASIS FOR A THREE MONTH PERIOD TO DETERMINE USAGE AND COSTS, MOTION PASSED, 9:09 PM.

Nunn left meeting, 9:10 pm.

Friends of the Park (9:10 pm)

Gerlitz indicated she would request, in an upcoming newsletter, residents to participate in a "Friends of the Park" program discussion during the next Park Board meeting.

Sparks suggested the Park Board host a table during Medina Days to generate community input regarding the program and Gerlitz said a suggestion box could

be placed at the table to receive additional comments related to the parks. Gerlitz indicated she would follow up with boardmembers regarding this matter via email.

Further discussion of "Friends of the Park" was tabled until the July meeting.

Park Signs (9:14 pm)

Following a brief discussion, item was tabled until the July meeting.

Geese Enforcement (9:17 pm)

Willis said he would provide information on item during the July meeting.

Adjournment

The June 20, 2005, Park Board meeting adjourned, 9:17 pm.

The next Park Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 18, 2005; 7:00 pm.

Minutes taken by:

Rachel Baker
Administrative Assistant